23 of Central Excise Tariff is now changed to item number 25.02.20, if so, what is the difference between erstwhile item 22(1) of the Central Excise Tariff and presently item 25.02.20 of Central Excise Tariff;

(b) whether term 'Ordinary Portland Cement' used in above entry represents 'Ordinary Portland Cement' as described in IS-269/76 or it represents any ordinary variety of cement;

(c) whether it is sufficient for classifying as 'Ordinary Portland Cement' for the purpose of Central Excise for a product, to be in conformity with IS-269|67; and

(d) whether any other ordinary variety of cement is also eligible for classification as "Ordinary Portland Cement" under Central Excise Tariff even if it is not in conformity with IS-269|76?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) Sub-item (1) of tariff item 23 of the erstwhile Central Excise Tariff, effective during the period prior to 28.2.86, exactly corresponds to the sub-heading No. 2502.20 of the new Central Excise Tariff, effective from 28.2.1986.

(b) to (d) IS-269|76 is not a part of either old Central Excise Tariff or new Central Excise Tariff. Therefore, classification of Ordinary Portland Cement' is not dependent on IS-269|76. The classification of the product is decided keeping in view its acceptance and understanding in trade parlance.

Death of Commander Navin Chopra

2132. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) what were the circumstances under which Commander Navin Chopra of the Indian Navy died on April 18, 1987; and

(b) whether it is a fact that Commander Chopra was to have been incharge of Shishumar, the submarine acquired from West Germany?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) Commander Navin Chopra was found dead of bullet injuries in his cabin in the Western Naval Command Officers' Mess on April 18, 1987. The results of the Board of Inquiry constituted by the Navy and investigations of the Bombay Police are awaited.

(b) Commander N. Chopra was trained on SSK Class of Submarines and, in due course, would have been eligible for being posted as Commanding Officer of this class of Submarines.

Findings of Swedish National Audit Bureau

2133. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the findings of the Swedish National Audit Bureau with regard to the sale of 155 mm. field guns by Bofors to India; and

(b) what is the reaction of the Government of India thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) The Report of the Swedish National Audit Bureau, as received by the Government of India, with regard to the sale of 155mm field guns by Bofors, was published in the Press on the 5th June, 1987. The observations of the National Audit Bureau, in summary, are:

"— that an agreement exists between AB Bofors and (excised) concerning the settlement of commission subsequently to the FH 77 deal and

"—that considerable amounts have been paid subsequently to, among others, AB Bofors' previous agent in India."